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NSSC: Honoring Our Commitments

The NSSC Project Office has temporarily relocated to Washington DC following the devastation and destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina to assess the situation and develop options for our return to Mississippi. NSSC is working in conjunction with the Service Provider, CSC, to determine when returning and opening will be possible.

Our options include a number of assumptions:

- NSSC *will* open, and open as quickly as reasonable to minimize cost to NASA and enable the agency to begin taking advantage of NSSC savings;
- NASA *will* fulfill its commitment to the State of Mississippi;
- options must not incur substantial costs that would obviate the savings identified by the NSSC;
- options must enable NSSC success.

Rick Arbuthnot, Executive Director of the NSSC, said "Our hearts and prayers go out to the many affected NASA and contractor employees as they work to rebuild their homes. Also, I am happy to report that all members of the NSSC family are safe, though some members incurred major property damage. We are ensuring that they have the time to explore all avenues available to assist in their recovery efforts.

Because of the many challenges that we now face, we must readjust the October 2, 2005, opening at the Stennis Space Center.

I know you all have worked extremely hard to support the October 2 Go Live date, and for that I am most appreciative. I assure you that we will do whatever we can to minimize this delay and make the necessary modifications so we can get the NSSC up and operating in a reasonable amount of time ...

Again, thank you for your continued support as we strive to overcome this unforeseen challenge."

Our prayers also go out to NASA employees and area residents who may be affected by Hurricane Rita and as One NASA we will all pull through these unpredictable catastrophes together.

NSSC Vision: Unparalleled Service

NSSC Mission: To provide timely, accurate, high quality, cost effective, and customer focused support for selected NASA business and technical services.

Welcome Aboard!

We would like to welcome two new Directors to the NSSC: Joyce Short and Debbie King.

Joyce joins us from the Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS) where she was Director of the HR Shared Services Center for 5 years. She was also the DFAS HR Information Systems Manager for 8 years. Joyce is now the Director of the Service Delivery Directorate.

Debbie King joins us from MSFC where she was the Business Manager in the NASA, Space Launch Initiative Program/Orbital Space Plane Program, Program Planning and Control Office for 5 years. She was also the Propulsion Module Project Business Manager for the ISS for 2 years. Debbie is now the Director of the Business and Administration Office.



"The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value. I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress and grow."

— Thomas Paine

Returning South: Message from the Editor

I'd like to apologize for the lengthy break in delivering the NSSC News, especially when clear communication is not only important but absolutely necessary. The NSSC staff would like to express their sincerest thanks and admiration for your patience and understanding throughout these challenging times. We will release an NSSC News Special Edition as soon as more information is available.

Thanks,

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